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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KAZUHIKO HATANO ) Examiner: R. Tillery  
Application No.: 09/031,767 ) Group Art Unit: 2612  
Filed: February 27, 1998 )  
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD FOR )  
BROADENING APPARENT )  
DYNAMIC RANGE OF VIDEO )  
SIGNAL (AS AMENDED) )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments  
to the above-identified application.